far as possible by helping with grants private schools conforming to the Code.

Your representation on judicial matters will be referred to the Law's Delays Officer, who will be shortly appointed. As regards the additional clerical staff in the Kuzhithura Munsiff's court, that matter also will, to some extent, depend upon the recommendations of that officer.

Your suggestions with regard to the Police jurisdiction will be noted and taken up for consideration along with the re-allocation scheme.

With regard to the establishment of dispensaries at Putukada and Kuzhithura, you heard the replies I gave to the previous representation by the member for Vilavancode. Your suggestions will be noted.

As regards communications, such of them as are important will be referred to the Road Board.

Your representation regarding irrigation works will be referred to the Irrigation Committee.

The question of declaring the Ashtami day and the Bharani day as holidays was brought to the notice of the Government at prior sessions. I will order an enquiry to be made in regard to this.

With regard to your last subject, I may say that it is a matter which will be noted and considered when the Legislative Council Rules are revised.

74. Needs of the Vilavankod taluk.

MR. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) first spoke about the need for opening a dispensary at Tengapattanam. The need therefor had been brought to the notice of the Government on prior occasions and the Inspecting Medical Officer himself was convinced of the need when he was touring the locality during the last cholera season. The people were then put to much hardship for want of proper medical aid. There was a building available for holding the dispensary, *viz.*, the old customs house.

On account of the absence of a lady doctor in the Mission Hospital at Martandam, the women of the Vilavankod were experiencing much hardship and inconvenience. A lady doctor should therefore be appointed in that institution without further delay.

The Kuzhithura-Tengapattanam road was in a very bad and neglected condition. The road had not been gravelled for the past 5 years. It was dusty in summer and miry in winter. The motor traffic on the road was very heavy. It should therefore be improved and metalled without further delay. The work should be started immediately and not referred to the Road Board.

The wooden bridge at Chennittottam was frequently in disrepair and not strong enough to bear heavy weights. Consequently, no bus could be driven on it. As this bridge was situate between two busy towns,

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Kuzhithura and Tengapattanam, the absence of bus services was a serious handicap to traders. A reinforced concrete bridge should therefore be constructed at the place. That would be a great boon to the general public and to the traders in particular.

There were no police stations on the beach between Colachel and Tengapattanam. The people in those localities were illiterate and addicted to drink. Several crimes were committed in open daylight and the police officers having jurisdiction knew of them only after much delay. Two police stations should therefore be opened at the beach between the two places or at least one at Tengapattanam.

A beach road between Colachel and Tengapanttanam was absolutely necessary. The need was urged by other members also. There was already a road from Colachel to Kurumbana. It would be enough if this be extended up to Tengapattanam. The distance was only 4 miles. Most of the lands required were *poramboke* lands. If there were private lands, the owners would be prepared to give up lands free. The people, especially traders, were put to much hardship due to want of easy means of communication between the two places, particularly since the closing of the A. V. M. Canal.

Some of the *pakuthies* of Vilavankod were included in the jurisdiction of the Padmanabhapuram Munsiff's Court and consequently the inhabitants of the taluk were put to much inconvenience and loss. The civil jurisdiction over those *pakuthies* should therefore be transferred to the Kuzhithura Munsiff's Court.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Mahomed Haneef, the first subject in your representation is the opening of a dispensary at Tengapattanam. I may refer you to the reply I gave to the Vilavankod member.

With regard to the appointment of a qualified Lady Doctor in the Marthandam hospital, I shall refer your suggestions to the hospital authorities and call for their remarks.

Your third point is a matter for the Road Board, to whom it will be referred.

With regard to the improvement of the bridge at Chennittottam, an estimate for a permanent platform is under preparation; and when it is finished that matter will be taken up.

As regards the establishment of Police Stations, Government are informed that there is no necessity for this as the out-post at Puthukkadai is near.

The question of a opening a beach road between Colachel and Tengapattanam requires detailed investigation before the alignment of the road is fixed. This matter is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer.

Lastly, you want the Revenue and civil jurisdiction over the Vilavankod taluk to be made co-extensive. That matter will be referred to the Law's Delays Officer.

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